IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL,[a] 1952.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952. It is a Bill for the levy of a tax on sales of foreign liquor."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Anybody objecting to it? (After a pause.) I put this to the vote of the House.

" The question is that the Hon. Sri V. C. Palaniswami Goundar be granted leave to introduce the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952."

The motion was carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—" Sir, I introduce the Bill."

(2) THE MADRAS PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND REMOVAL OF DISQUALIFICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL,[b] 1952.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I introduce the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1952, and move—

' *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

" This is a very simple measure. Sir, the Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications Act contemplated only elected Members of this House. In Article 333 of the Constitution it is provided that in the case of the Anglo-Indian community, the Governor has the power to nominate a person, if there is no elected representative of that community in the Assembly. Consequently, a member belonging to that community has been nominated by the Governor to this House. Under the Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications Act, there is no provision for payment of salary to this Member. Therefore, this small amendment to the existing Act is proposed. I do not think, Sir, there is likely to be any controversy over this measure. Sir, I move."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1952, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall now take up the Bill clause by clause.

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